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Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii

### In this week's Kukini



■ Hickam Air Force Base recently hosted special guests

### **News Notes**

SMSgt promotion cele**bration** — Hickam personnel are cordially invited to join us in celebrating the promotion of Team Hickam's newest SMSgts Friday, March 6 at 4 p.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. There will be beverages and pupus. The event is sponsored by the 15 AW and the Hickam Chiefs Group. See your unit First Sergeant or any Hickam CMSgt for details. Contact CMSgt Phylllis Lopez-Velasquez at phyllis.lopezvelasquez@hick am.af.mil or 449-8990.

Estate of TSgt Davis -Col Giovanni K. Tuck, 15th Airlift Wing Commander, regretfully announces the death of TSgt Willie J. Davis, 15AW/CP. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of TSgt Davis, should contact Capt Christopher Keller, 15AW/CCX, Summary Court Officer, at 449-1524.

Women's History Month **event** — Celebrate Women's History Month and to make sure that the cause is represented. There is a free event on Saturday, March 7 at the Nelles ChapeL at 10:30 a.m. The theme is Enrich your life: Mind, Body and Spirit. There will be vendors and guest speakers sharing information covering, health and wellness and the chance to win prizes. Contact SMsgt Lisa Boothe at 449-8504 or Carole Reynolds at 291-7236 for information.

Air Force Discrimination **Hotline** — Please be advised that the Discrimination Hotline number has been removed from the Total Force Service Center toll free number and EO will have its own dedicated number for discrimination concerns. The purpose of the change is to ensure the AF has a Discrimination Hotline number that's separate, distinct and is a standalone number solely dedicated for members who have discrimination concerns. The dedicated line will help ensure EO concerns are quickly identified, vetted to

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## Kaena satellite tracking station marks 50 years

Detachment 4, 22nd Space Operations Squadron staff

Kaena Point Satellite Tracking Station celebrated 50 years of space operations on Feb. 27. To mark the occasion an observance was held which included State Rep. Karen Awana and 15 AW Commander Col Giovanni Tuck among the guests. Rep. Awana presented a certificate of recognition to the station.

The station is located on Kaena Point above Keawaula Bay, the western most spot on Oahu. Kaena Point is part of the worldwide Air Force Satellite Control Network. The AFSCN consists of 15 antenna located at eight Remote Tracking Stations (RTS), with two of these antenna located at Kaena Point. The antenna are used to support more than 140 US Department of Defense and allied satellites with missions such as communications, reconnaissance, navigation, weather and early warning. The antenna are also used to support missile defense tests in the Pacific as well as manned and unmanned space launches from the U.S. mainland.



Col Mitchel Butikofer, 50th Network Operations Group Commander and Col Cary Chun, 50th Space Wing Commander, stand outside of the Kaena Point Satellite Tracking Station.

The station is managed by Detachment 4, 22nd Space Operations Squadron under the com-

mand of Maj Jason Roberson. TSgt David "KC" Manery serves as the Detachment Chief. Detachment 4 is

the largest detachment in Air Force Space Command and falls under the 50th Space Wing located at Schriever Air Force Base in Colorado. Harris and World Technical Services are the current operations and manning contractors with 35 employees who provide 24/7 manning for command and control of on-orbit satellites. Additionally, there are 17 Air Force civilians providing base operations and support, one Honeywell employee and two Team Integrated Engineering employees.

Construction at Kaena Point began in 1958 and operations supporting the nation's first satellite reconnaissance program, Discoverer - which was declassified in 1995 - began in February of 1959. The Discover Program, now known as Corona, was developed to collect photographs of areas around the world including the Soviet Union and

Photographs could be taken from space without putting pilots in harm's way or violating the airspace of other nations. Film canisters were

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In front left, Col Giovanni Tuck presents Kerri J. Ellis, Director of Development at the Hawaiian Humane Society, a check for \$2,500 for her organization. Joining Ms. Ellis at last week's presentation is her adopted St. Bernard Goliath, and other friends of animals. Hickam's Animal Relief Fund raised the money through collecting HI-5 cans and bottles, with \$500 also given to the Feral Cat program. For 2009 the fund will focus on helping "No Kill Shelters" and prevenhelping "No Kill Shelters" and prevention of domestic abuse, with a goal of collecting \$3,000. Call SMSgt David Nyitrai at 448-2989 for more information, to help and to arrange HI-5 pickups.

hoto by Chris Aguinaldo

### Deployment dinner helps those behind

By Jackie Hites 15 AW/DSWM - Web Manager

Nearly 100 deployed family members headed to Nelles Chapel for fellowship and to enjoy dinner together during the monthly deployed spouses' dinner on Thursday, Feb. 26 at the Nelles Chapel Multipurpose Room. The purpose of this program is to encourage interaction among family members, as well as provide a break for the spouse while military sponsor is deployed.

Col Giovanni Tuck, 15th Airlift Wing Commander, attended the event to visit and show support for the family members. "Thank you for coming to this evening's

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Photo by Jackie Hites Families at the deployed spouses' dinner were provided a meal and fellowship while their loved ones are away.



Inside a C-17, personnel test Deployable Joint Command & Control (DJC2) En Route system on a recent trip. The system is available for use and was taken out for the flight.

## C-17 en route system given chance to shine

By CMSgt Michael Lambrecht 15th Operations Group Superintendent

It was like an internet café at 20,000 feet. Well, not exactly, but a Hickam C-17 came close to one recently when a crew from the 535 AS took to the air with military and civilian personnel from USPACOM J6 to test their Deployable Joint Command & Control (DJC2) En Route system.

The DJC2 program is designed to provide a rapidly deployable command and control capability to support a designated Joint Task Force (JTF) headquarters. The DJC2 En Route system ensures that the JTF Commander and staff maintain situational awareness, continue mission planning, and communicate with other forces while en route to the area of operations.

The DCJ2 En Route system can provide connectivity with US, Coalition, and Multinational organizations. Without this system, the JTF Commander would not be able to conduct collaborative planning necessary to update mission plans in response to changing situations

and orders from higher headquarters, which include the National Command Authority

The DJC2 system is a relatively simple platform to load, consisting of two standard size 463L pallets for the 12 bench-mounted operator workstations and one pallet for the mobile network control system. It was originally loaded and ground tested on the Hickam ramp in Nov. 2008, but had never been tested in

Col Andy Hockman, 15th Operations Group Commander, toured the DJC2 system at its storage location on Pearl Harbor and after a thorough briefing of the system's capabilities by Navy LT Vincent Street, USPACOM Contingency Communications Package OIC, the Colonel was eager to get this system in the air. TSgt Ken Bragg, 535 AS Evaluator Loadmaster, and SKC (SW) Joel Daza PACOM CCP coordinated the planning, logistics and personnel needed for the inflight test and the rest was history.

On Feb. 19, the C-17 took off as scheduled with Col Hockman at the controls and 22 personnel from

USPACOM, including Marine Col Mark Kauzlarich, USPACOM J63, in their designated seats in the c argo bay of the aircraft. Multiple tests were conducted on both low and high side connectivity during the two-hour flight. The communication/data rates experienced during the tests met or exceeded all expec-

Following the flight, Col Kauzlarich emphasized that "we really need to demonstrate the DJC2 capabilities to senior leadership and operational planners. It is too valuable a piece of equipment to sit on the shelf".

Col Hockman added, "This communication suite has an incredible potential to be tasked for its intended purpose, or provide other capabilities that we have not yet foreseen — the key is making sure those who can use it know that it's in their toolbox, and that it works reliably the first time, every time. Important to making that a reality is giving both the air and ground crews the opportunity to take it down off its shelf and exercise it."

## Take the time to remember those who help the Earth

By Staff Sgt. Jessica Blace 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) - In our nation's history, women's contributions to our great country have been overlooked and completely omitted at times. The idea of acknowledging women's contributions to American History had little support until 1978, when the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week."

In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch and Rep. Barbara Mikulski followed California's lead and co-sponsored the first Joint Congressional Resolution to proclaim "Women's History Week." In 1987, Congress approved the resolution and officially proclaimed March as Women's History Month.

This year, the Department of Defense recognizes Women's History Month as "Women Taking the lead to Save Our Planet." Of note are a few women who have and continue to make a positive impact on the Earth's environment for future generations

Mary Arlene Appelhof, who lived from 1936 to 2005, also known as "worm woman," advocated using the earthworm to recycle food waste into fertilizer and introduced the environmentallysignificant action of vermicom-

Mollie Beattie, who lived from 1947 to 1996, was the first woman to head the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She led the reintroduction of the gray wolf into the northern Rocky Mountains. For this accomplishment, Congress named a wilderness area in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in her

Hillary Rodham Clinton, a name we are all familiar with, is now our Secretary of State. While serving as a senator she worked to secure federal legislation to protect the environment both on the Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee and as the senior Democrat on the fisheries, wildlife and water subcommittee.

She also co-sponsored the Petroleum Consumer Price Gouging Protection Act and Close the Enron Loophole Act that allowed the president to declare an energy emergency and trigger federal gouging protections.

While observing great women of the past, what about a woman serving in the Air Force and deployed while assisting in Earth's survival.

Captain Elizabeth Yesue, the 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron programs flight chief, arrived in July 2008 to an air base in Southwest Asia. She also deployed to Baghdad International Airport in Iraq from September 2004 through January

Throughout her deployments, she accomplished many tasks to directly influence the environmental stewardship of those in the area of responsibility and directly impacted us all. She wrote the environmental standards for joint implementation in the area of responsibility, established the base solid waste management plan, and remediated a 186,000-gallon fuel spill that occurred after an attack, just to note a few accomplish-

During Women's History Month and throughout the year, we should remember all of the women who have made contributions to ensure future inhabitants of Earth have a place to call

The contributions of these women - officers, enlisted Airmen and civilians — continue to shape women's history as they make American history.

### Correction

How to reach us

In a photo that appeared on page A3 of last week's printed edition of Hickam Kukini, the headline should have read "Wing partners to clean Bellows." Kukini regrets the error.

While we make every effort to ensure content in Hickam Kukini is accurate, we sometimes make a mistake. To let us know, call Chris Aguinaldo, editor, at 449-1526 or email caguinal@honolulu.gannett.com.

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Kukini: Meaning swift and valued messenger, the Kukini in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.

### Hawaii's Civil Air Patrol members tests their disaster preparedness

By MSgt Joe Noll Hawaii Civil Air Patrol

On Feb. 18-22, the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol conducted their annual disaster preparedness exercise.

SSgt April Chappell from the 613 AOC role played as the "Governor of Hawaii." In her role as governor, SSgt Chappell helped to train/evaluate mission staff members (i.e. public information officer, incident commander, etc.) on how to properly interact with simulated VIPs who would visit the Hawaii CAP mission headquarters during a disaster situation. She also assisted in one of the flight training missions where she accompanied a CAP aircrew on a flight from Oahu to Molokai to view and photograph simulated tsunami damage.

Active duty, Reserve and CAP evaluators from CAP-**USAF** Pacific Liaison Region observed the Hawaii Wing Civil Air Patrol demonstrate their tsunami warning, search and disaster relief capabilities. Scenarios involved providing aerial and aural warning of a simulated impending tsunami, aerial damage assessment photography, electronic and visual



SSqt April Chappell returns from her simulated tsunami damage assessment flight around Oahu and Molokai with CAP Maj Joe Monfort and Lt Joe Kina.

search for simulated crashed aircraft and missing hikers, and air transportation. During a simulated reconnaissance mission a CAP flight was able to take aerial photographs of the overturned fuel truck on H1 that

occurred during the exercise. Hawaii CAP operates nine corporate aircraft (seven Cessna 182s and two Cessna 172s) from Kauai, Oahu, Maui and the Big Island. Hawaii CAP has approximately 500 members (300

senior members and 200 cadets).

If interested in CAP contact Hawaii Wing CAP at 836-3417 for information on the squadrons located at Hickam AFB, Wheeler AAF and Kalaeloa Airport.

# Finance services transferring to South Dakota

**By 1st Lt. Terrence Wilson** 15th Comptroller Squadron Flight Commander

Hickam AFB has just migrated its 15th Comptroller Squadron Financial Services Office back-shop processing to the Air Force Financial Services Center at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

The FSO here will continue to serve customers' financial service needs and will offer an ever-increasing suite of online services located on the AF Portal.

Airmen are encouraged to make the AF Portal their first stop for financial services. At the Portal, customers can find answers to frequently asked questions and conduct transactions through the Defense Travel System, myPay, and LeaveWeb.

The workload migration is part of the Air Force Financial Management changes that include consolidating the backshop processing operations currently provided by 139 active-duty and Reserve locations worldwide into one operation at the Air Force Financial Services Center at Ellsworth AFB. The workload currently performed at each base is migrating to the AFFSC by each major command. Hickam AFB transferred on Feb. 27.

The Financial Services Transformation Cut-over Team and AFFSC personnel are assisting each base in preparation to migrate workload to the new service center. The FST Cut-over Team visited all the bases in 2007 to brief the comptroller squadrons as well as wing and base leadership on the transformation initiative. The team also trained the comptroller squadron members on the processes and novel technology solutions they will use in the future.

There are several ways customers can help support a smooth transition and prevent any delays in payment. Here are some basic rules when unable to file vouchers electronically:

- Utilize existing automated systems such as DTS, myPay, and LeaveWeb for transactions
- Remember to claim all reimbursable expenses and annotate proper modes of transportation
- Have a complete set of

- orders and proper signatures when filing vouchers
- Always Indicate the amount to be disbursed to the Government Travel Card
- Unit Agency Program Coordinators are the first people to go to for GTC issues—not the AFFSC or local finance office
- Write clearly and legibly so documents can be easily read
- Conduct a self quality check before taking documents to the local finance office; the AFFSC rejects 10 to 15 percent of documents because of incorrect or missing basic information

If for any reason a claim has not been paid within 10 days for a military pay document or travel voucher, the first stop should be the local finance office. The local finance office can place documents in a priority folder which will get it to the front of the queue. If a transaction has not been processed within 10 days, please do not wait to contact the financial services office. Early notification of a delay is the best measure to ensure a claim is being processed.

Finance is focused on improving service to Airmen and is changing the way it conducts business in order to enhance the financial service options available to Airmen and their families.

For financial customer service, call 449-0330.



Photo by Oscar A. Hernande

## **United States, India strengthen partnership through special visits**

At Hickam AFB, Lt. Col. Casey Eaton, 535th Airlift Squadron commander, explains the capabilities of the C-17 Globemaster III to Indian Air Force Wg. Cdrs. Anup Kumar Dutta, KV Surendran Nair and SK Vidhate on Feb. 25 during their visit here. The 613th Air and Space Operations Center at Hickam hosted the visit Feb. 23-27, during which the IAF officers learned how the United States commands and controls airpower in the Pacific through the AOC. Five 613th AOC members will visit India March 9-13 for a similar orientation, as part of a subject-matter expert exchange with the IAF.



### Article 92 Failure to Obey an Order or Regulation

An Airman was witnessed consuming an alcoholic beverage during a dorm walk-through/100% ID check at Clay Hall.

The individual was advised of his rights IAW Article 31/UCMJ and transported to Bldg 1001 where he was charged with an Article 92 for underage consumption and possession of an alcoholic beverage.

### Citation totals for Feb. 23

- March 2

- 2 Abandoned vehicle notices 8 Civilian traffic citations
- 8 Civilian traffic citations 17 Moving traffic citations
- 0 Non-moving traffic cita-

tion

### **DEPLOYMENT**, From A1 -

dinner," he said. "I know how difficult and challenging it is to take on extra responsibilities during your spouse's absence. It is my honor to share with you that the wing received an 'Excellent' rating during the recent Operational Readiness Inspection. I am so proud of all wing personnel and their families; and your sacrifice and support that made the ORI successful. I thank you for everything that you do."

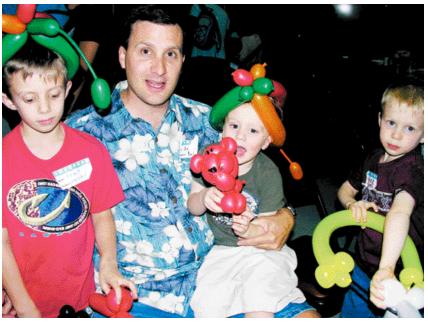
According to Chaplain (Maj) Christine Blice-Baum, lead chaplain for 15th Airlift Wing Chapel Traditional Service, "The Hickam Chapel hosts four of these dinners throughout the year, partnering with Airman and Family Readiness and supported by commanders and first sergeants with many volunteers in our commitment to military families."

Family members with deployed spouses enjoy a meal that included variety of main and side dishes with salad. The night also included children's activities with the theme "Spring/Easter" with children having an

opportunity to decorate their own cupcakes with a variety of colored frosting. "This event gives spouses and their children a chance to interact with other families, fostering friendship in a time of need," said Mrs. Jan Robinson, wife of Col Steven Robinson, HQ/PACAF/A5, Chief, Policy and Strategy Division, who was the organizer and project officer for the dinner.

Spouses who attended said the entire event was great and right on target. "We got to mingle and meet new people and in fact this is my 8th dinner so far and my daughter Sarah is also here today," said Sonja Jacob-Angle whose husband works at Pacific Command J13.

"It's a good opportunity for them to share experiences, concerns, issues and become each other's support group, while they also learn more about resources that they may seek for any help," said Chaplain Blice-Baum. "Thanks to all young and adult volunteers who made this dinner a very meaningful and enjoyable one."



oto by Jackie Hites

Jeff Weems, husband of Maj Mitzi Weems assigned to PACAF/JA, brings children Noah, 8, Nathaniel, 3, and Asher, 6, to the recent deployed spouses' dinner. Maj Weems has been deployed to Baghdad since August.



### KAENA, From A1 -



Courtesy phot

On behalf of KPSTS, Col Cary Chun accepts a Certificate of Recognition from the State House of Representatives from Rep. Karen Awana.

ejected from the satellite, deployed a parachute and were recovered mid-air by aircraft from Hickam Air Force Base. Some canisters were recovered at sea by ships from Pearl Harbor.

In 1966, Kaena Point supported 3,997 satellite contacts and 29 launches. The team consisted of 49 active duty Air Force personnel and 182 contractors. Back then, schedules and mission orders were received via teletype and phone lines using under-sea cables to link the eight RTS with the Operations Center; there were no satellite communications then and there

was only one operations center. Data transfers then were much different than today — 14.4 kbs was state-of-the-art and a 14.4 kbs modem was very bulky.

With technological advances and communication equipment upgrades the station can do more with fewer personnel. Today, the unit's mission is more robust and critical than ever. In 2008, Kaena Point supported 22,595 satellite contacts, 13 launches and 25 operations centers — a huge increase from the 1960s. Kaena Point supports approximately 60 satellite contacts per day. The site retrieves data

from satellites and relays commands, such as on-orbit maneuvering, programming of the satellites on-board computers and maintaining the "health" of the satellite.

Kaena Point has been providing critical space support to enhance military and humanitarian relief operations for 50 years. Many residents of Oahu have been part of the Kaena Point Satellite Tracking Station ohana during its long history and have played a critical role in our nation's security. To everyone, we at the station say Aloha and Mahalo and look forward to another 50 years

### **AROUND THE AIR FORCE**

### Hickam flights receive awards, chiefs and squadron recognized

While most of the attention last month focused on the Operational Readiness Inspection, Team Hickam and its chiefs were also garnering recognition.

In the PACAF Awards, numerous flights were award-

- Airman and Family Readiness Program/Large: 15 MSS/DPF, Hickam AFB
- Gerrit D. Foster **Outstanding Military** Personnel Program/Small: 15 MSS/DPM, Hickam AFB
- Manpower and Organization Program/Large: 15 MSS/MOF, Hickam AFB
- Nathan Altschuler Award for Excellence in Educational Programs/Large:15 MSS/DPE, Hickam AFB
- Base Level Senior Personnel Manager: YC-02 Y Christina Smith, 15 MSS/DPMPD, Hickam
- Base Level Junior Personnel Manager: GS-07 Linda Tolentino, 15 MSS/DPMPD, Hickam AFB
- Unit Level Personnel Technician: TSgt Agnes M. Alisch, 15 MSS/DPMPS, Hickam AFB
- Unit Level Personnel Specialist: A1C Christopher S. Hodge, 15 MSS/DPMPS. Hickam AFB
- Education and Training Flight Specialist: YA-02 Louis T. Vance, 15 MSS/DPE, Hickam AFB
- Airman and Family Readiness Intermediate Individual: GS-07 Drew K. Kadokawa, 15 MSS/DPF, Hickam AFB

- Library Program: 15 SVS/SVMF, Hickam AFB
- Base Level Force Support Reserve Component Field Grade Officer: Lt Col Christopher G. Henry, 15 SVS/CC IMA, Hickam AFB
- Services Senior Civilian Specialist: NF-IV Jeff S. Boling, 15 SVS/SVMFG, Hickam AFB

Just before the ORI, the annual chiefs recognition dinner was held. Congratulations go out to awardees CMSgts Alan Bergeson, John Hansen (deployed), Lisa Camp, Michael Morris, Michael Prah and Bruce Richey; and SMSgts Michael Clayton, Karla Jordan, James Laurent, Christopher Lopez, Jeffrey Moore, and Shannon Owens (Deployed).

Finally, the 624th Aeromedical Staging Squadron earned an "Outstanding" score following a Health Services Inspection Feb. 5-8 at Hickam. Auditors from the Air Force Inspection Agency assessed medical readiness, management effectiveness and quality of healthcare delivery to determine whether or not the 624th ASTS was performing successfully while supporting readiness.

### Secretary Donley to remain as SECAF

WASHINGTON (AFNS) White House officials announced Feb. 26 that Secretary Michael B. Donley will remain the secretary of the Air Force.

Several other military civilian leaders also will remain at their assignments, creating continuity and stability for servicemembers.

As the SECAF, Secretary

Donley is responsible for the a ffairs of the Air Force, including the organizing,



Michael B. **Donley** 

ing for the welfare of its more than 300,000 men and women on active duty, 180,000 members of

training.

equipping

and provid-

the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve. 160,000 civilians, and their families. He also oversees the Air Force's annual budget of approximately \$110 billion.

### Air Force's top enlisted Airman to retire

The Air Force chief of staff announced the pending retirement of the 15th chief master

sergeant of the Air Force. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley will retire this summer after serving for 30 years. Chief



J. McKinley

McKinley has served as the chief master sergeant of the Air Force since June 30, 2006. Before assuming his current position, he served as Command Chief Master Sergeant, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base.

A formal retirement ceremony for Chief McKinley and appointment for the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force is planned for June 30. The Air Force chief of staff selects the individual to fill the position of chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

### **NEWS NOTES**, From A1 -

the respective MAJCOM and expeditiously resolved. The new toll free number is 1-888-231-4058; the commercial phone number is 210-565-5214 and DSN 665-5214. Please ensure all your correspondence is appropriately updated. Please direct questions to HQ AFPC/DPQ, DSN 665-2601.

New Finance System, "Cash Forms Lite" - Need a Finance Form? Visit https://leave.hickam.af.mil/cashforms/hom e1.asp from your desktop. It utilizes a "Turbo Tax" like wizard to walk you through the form-filling process from your desktop, and it produces a properly completed, legible form ready to sign and submit to your supervisor and/or Approving Official or directly to the FSO.

Stepfamilies Brown Bag Luncheon -When a stepfamily is formed, everyone needs to learn new rules: mom and dad need to learn how to work together as a team; children and teens must adapt to changes. Learn more at the parenting for stepfamilies brown bag lunch four session workshops on Mondays, March 9, 16, 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and March 30 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Mental Health Flight Bldg 554. For more information or RSVP please call 449-0188.

Help the Airman's Attic — the Airman's Attic is looking for approximately 10 to 12 folks to donate their personal time Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The time will involve sorting donated items, organizing shelves, and/or general cleaning. Please contact MSgt Jason Uncapher at jason.uncapher@jpac.pacom.mil for additional information.

**FMO phone number** — The Government Housing Loaner Furniture Office phone numbers are currently out of service and is anticipated to be out for at least 30 days, please use the following cell phone numbers to contact the Loaner Furniture Office: 478-2833; 781-5426 and 783-5287. If you need further assistance,

please contact the FMO Asset Management Office at 448-3650.

Days of Remembrance meeting -Please help support the first event in three vears for the Days of Remembrance/Holocaust Remembrance Day be a success. The next planning meeting is March 11 at 4 p.m. in the Equal Opportunity office, Bldg 1113 (across from the base gymnasium). Call Ms. Jolene Cantrell at 449-4979 or SSgt Melinda Morris at 449-1701 for any questions/concerns.

'Hats Off' needs help — The American Red Cross needs volunteers on Saturday, March 14 for the annual "Hats Off to the American Red Cross" event. 15 AW and tenant partners will collect donations from motorists on the corner of McCully and Kapiolani Blvd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The money will remain in Hawaii and be used to help the Hawaii State Chapter support local services for Hawaii's people. Please contact Maj Cindy Robison, 690-5701 or e-mail to cynthia.robison@hickam.af.mil.

Lifeguard Training Class — Sign up for Lifeguard Training Class on March 21-29. Successful participants will receive certifications for American Red Cross Lifeguard Training, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid. Participants must be at least 15 and pass a pre-course swim test. Cost: \$199 includes all class materials. Sign up by March 15. Visit pool #2 for more details or call 449-

**Teen Aviation Camp** — Attention dependents of Active Duty, Retired Military, AF Civilians, AF Guard or Reserve high school Freshmen and Sophomores who are interested in attending the AF Academy in Colorado. Teen Aviation Camp is coming up. Application forms, familiarization exams and interview process information can be picked up at the Hickam Teen Center, Bldg 1859. Deadline to submit completed applications is Friday, March 27. For more information, call 448-2296.